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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3460, (
B) STATE 172538

1. IN STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN EL DIARIO DE HOY THIS MORNING (MONDAY, 25 JULY), FOREIGN MINISTER MARTINEZ QUOTED ME AS SAYING GOVERNMENT OF US DID NOT SUPPORT AMBASSADOR LOZANO IN STATEMENTS HE MADE BEFORE US QTE SENATE COMMITTEE UNQTE. HE QUOTED ME FURTHER QTE MR. LOZANO SPOKE IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, THEREFORE HIS STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE US GOVERNMENT UNQTE. MARTINEZ SAID ALSO THAT I SHOWED EMBARRASSMENT (SE MOSTRO APENADO) OVER THE STATEMENT BY LOZANO.

2. MARTINEZ THEN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL OPINION (WHICH HE ALSO DID TO ME) SAYING HE QTE EXCUSED THE CARELESSNESS (LIGEREZA) OF LOZANO'S REMARKS SINCE HE DID NOT CONSIDER HIM A DIPLOMAT BUT A POLITICIAN WHO TRIES TO BUILD AN IMAGE BY THEATRICAL APPEARANCES UNQTE.

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3. COMMENT: I DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF LOZANO'S REMARKS. MARTINEZ READ USG REJECTION OF SUBSTANCE PROBABLY FROM MY STATEMENT THAT LOZANO DID NOT CLEAR WITH USG AND US OFFICIAL POSITION WOULD BE GIVEN TO FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE JULY 29. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, I RECALL WE HAD INFORMATION LAST YEAR OF LARGE ANEP CONTRIBUTION TO ROMERO'S CAMPAIGN. WE ALSO HEARD THAT ROMERO WAS DISTURBED OVER WAY SPECIFIC

AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION PROJECT WAS GOING AND THAT HE PROBABLY EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO MOLINA. I HAD NEVER HEARD, HOWEVER, THAT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION WAS CONDITIONED ON ROMERO'S WITHHOLDING SUPPORT OF AGRARIAN REFORM. BUT AMBASSADOR LOZANO MAY HAVE HEARD THIS DIRECTLY FROM HIS MANY CONTACTS HERE AND FORMED HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS.

4. ALSO I SHOWED NO EMBARRASSMENT OR QTE PAIN UNQTE OVER SUBSTANCE OF LOZANO'S REMARKS NOR APOLOGIZED FOR THEM. I DID SAY TO FOREIGN MINISTER I WAS EMBARRASSED THAT HE CAME TO EMBASSY RESIDENCE TO SEE ME, BUT HE SAID THAT WAS PREFERABLE TO HIM.

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